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Uranium company has a fight on its hands

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Friday night's question-and-answer meeting about uranium mining in Highlands East often turned into an angry debate over what that uranium would be used for.

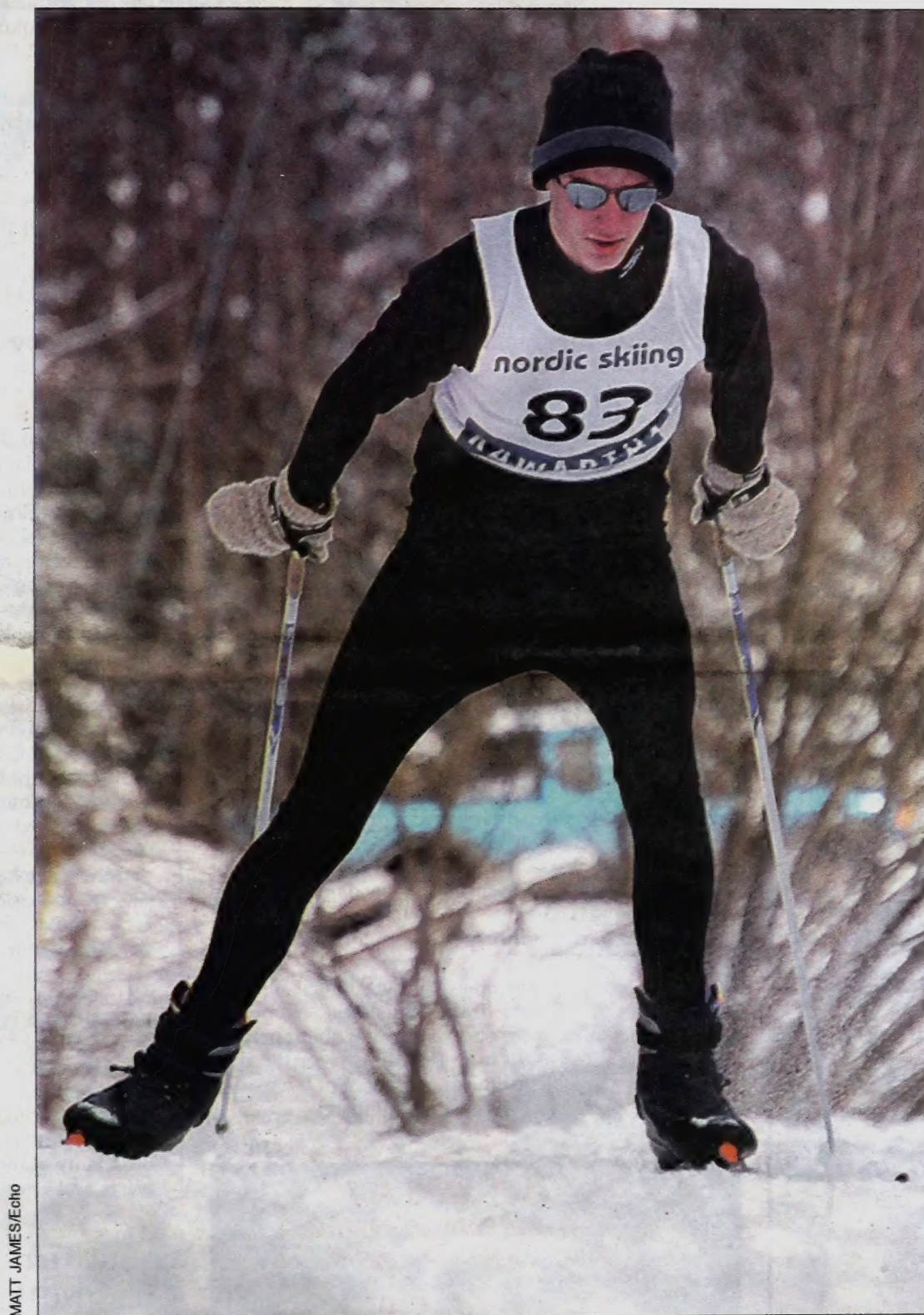
It wasn't just the way that the ore would be extracted that upset the majority of the people who crowded into Wilberforce's Lloyd Watson Centre. They're also against the argument that nuclear energy, which uses uranium to produce electricity, is the best "green" alternative to coal and natural gas. They weren't reassured by statements that the uranium couldn't be used for military purposes either.

The meeting was hosted by Bancroft Uranium Inc., a Scottsdale, Arizona-based company that is drilling test samples on 35 hectares of Crown land just outside Tory Hill. (The company has mining rights to the surrounding 9,000 hectares of Crown land as well.)

The tone of the meeting was established early on when the centre's audio system didn't work properly and the crowd had difficulty hearing company CEO Les Hammond. It took several frustrating starts to get his presentation underway.

Hammond said that only if test

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On his way to the top

Josh Wright, now ranked number one in the Kawartha junior boys division, makes his way up a steady incline at the start of his 6 km cross-country ski race at Glebe Park on Feb. 13 for the Kawartha Nordic Championship. For more photos and complete list of the results see page 20.

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Library board wants new plan

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The public meetings are over, but the hard work is just beginning for the county library board, who met Wednesday evening to flesh out a new recommendation on Haliburton's eight branches.

Consensus around the table was that the public was not happy with the previous recommendation to support only one branch per municipality and that the board had to come up with something more palatable this time.

While board members knew what the public doesn't want – closing any of the branches – making that need fit the means is difficult.

"There is no point making a recommendation that isn't going to fly again. It needs to be something that the municipal councils feel will be acceptable," said Cheryl Murdoch, chair of the board and deputy-reeve of Minden Hills.

Highlands East deputy-reeve Jim Mackie said his municipality wanted to keep all four branches open, even if it means doing serious repairs on some buildings, most notably the Wilberforce branch.

"I can tell you the position of the municipality. As far as the council goes, we don't want to entertain the closure of any of our libraries," he said.

"It came back loud and clear in

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Who's smiling now?

Merle Clarke has always wondered why his wife Nina buys lottery tickets. Last week she gave him 100,000 reasons. The Tory Hill resident won the \$100,000 jackpot prize while playing an instant Money Multiplier ticket that she bought at Haliburton IGA. As she told the officials at the Ontario Lottery commission, "Merle always gives me heck for buying tickets. After we won, I said to him, 'Now what do you think?'" The Clarks plan to spend their money paying off their mortgage and taking a trip.

Should library be built in Head Lake Park?

here, there & everywhere
news and events worth noting

IT'S BACK! Long-time readers will remember the Echo's regular page 2 feature, Here, There & Everywhere. It was named in honour of our late advertising manager, Creighton Feir, who always used to keep our readers up-to-date with all the tidbits of information that he heard. We can't promise to have the column every week, but we hope you join us in welcoming it back to our pages.

You are invited to share your views on the new library that might be built in Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Dysart council knows that it needs a bigger and better library, and it is thinking about building one at the edge of the park on York Street. It would be east of the 4Cs. Councillor Andrea Roberts says the new library "is not where anyone parks or plays." Council is in the preliminary stages of the proposal and wants to gauge public reaction. It is hosting a public meeting on Monday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers in Haliburton. The new building is conditional on getting provincial funding to help pay for it.

Before that, MP Barry Devolin will be taking a break from his duties in Ottawa to make an important funding announcement at the Haliburton County Development Corporation offices in Haliburton (above Village Donuts at the corner of Maple Avenue and Victoria Street.) The announcement is in support of rural communities and the small business sector in the region. You are invited to attend join the festivities on Friday, February 22 at 10:30 a.m.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce invites local businesses to attend a "meet and greet" at County Commercial Printers on Industrial Park Road on Tuesday, February 26 starting at 5:30. County Commercial Printers' innovation and responsiveness to client needs won them the 2006 Small Business of the Year Award. Don't forget that the Chamber is accepting nominations for the 2007 awards, including Highlander of the Year. Please contact the Chamber at 286-6016 or visit www.hhchamber.on.ca.

If you can't beat winter, you might as well join it. YMCA Camp Wanakita is once again hosting its annual Camp fun day on Sunday, February 24, from 2 to 5 p.m.. If you're not brave enough to toboggan down "cardiac hill" why not join a game of broomball, try your foot at snowshoeing, climb to new heights (sort of) at the low ropes course or discover the beauty of their cross country ski trails. The event is free and always lots of fun.

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Don't plow onto the road

Given how much snow has fallen this winter, property owners are hard pressed to find places to put it all when they plow their driveways. However, plowing it out onto the roadway isn't an option.

Not only is it illegal, but it's also causing problems for municipal snowplows, which can be damaged when they hit the packed snow. As well, snow and ice can become a hazard for unsuspecting motorists and could cause a collision.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment reminds people that the Highway Traffic Act states, "No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing so to do from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road." You could receive a \$90 fine plus surcharge.

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Letters from a country in crisis

'The ethnic demon that some of our politicians has unleashed is scary,' Danilo Legei writes from Kenya

Editor's note: A couple of weeks ago, we brought you the story of Danilo Legei, a young Masai man who was caught up in the violence that threatened to overwhelm Kenya. Danilo was part of the Canada World Youth group that spent three months living and working in Haliburton in 2005. One of the people he befriended was local artist Jane Selbie who, through a friend, was helping to finance his college education.

When Selbie told *Echo* readers that Danilo had had to flee his village in search of food, and in fear of his life, readers responded with generosity and compassion. More than \$600 was donated to him, including a contribution from Highland Wood, where Danilo had worked.

The first letter from Danilo was written before he received the money and the second is his response to the donation.

If people want to help this bright, intelligent young man who, as Selbie says, should have the world at his fingertips, you can reach her at 457-3412 or jselbie@halhinet.on.ca.

February 7, 2008
Hello Jane,

My family and I are now safe and calm is slowly returning in our village but we have opted to continue staying in the area where we had moved to since drought has hit our village hard. There is no water and pastures for our livestock. It is a very challenging life but we have to struggle as we don't have options.

The current political situation has plunged Kenya into an unprecedented humanitarian and economic crisis. This has had severe impact not just in economic terms, but more so on people's lives and livelihood.

Further, the problem is no longer just Kenya's, but has sucked in the rest of the region, with wider implications for the government and the country. For instance: across the border, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi are getting impatient with the lack of movement on securing their main import and export corridors, as their companies' stocks dwindle and fuel shortages hit.

The ethnic demon that some of our politicians have unleashed is more than

scary; the face it has shown so far sends a chilling message on what the future of this country could be if both the government and ODM (opposition) fail to reach an agreement.

The number of internally displaced people continues to rise as the UN sets up more camps. Innocent people are dying and property is being destroyed. An increasing number of Kenyans are going to bed hungry and sleeping in the cold.

Many are falling sick with no medical personnel to attend them. Those people in camps have been impoverished and subjected to cruel living conditions. Officials estimate the number of displaced people at 300,000 but the actual figures are higher with the majority of them from my home province (Rift Valley) which is most affected.

I cannot describe all the suffering that people here are experiencing even in refugee camps ranging from lack of food and drugs, sexual abuse, molestation of the women and children and general insecurity.

Lastly, I am very grateful to your generous assistance. I strongly thank you on behalf of my family for your continued support during this difficult time.

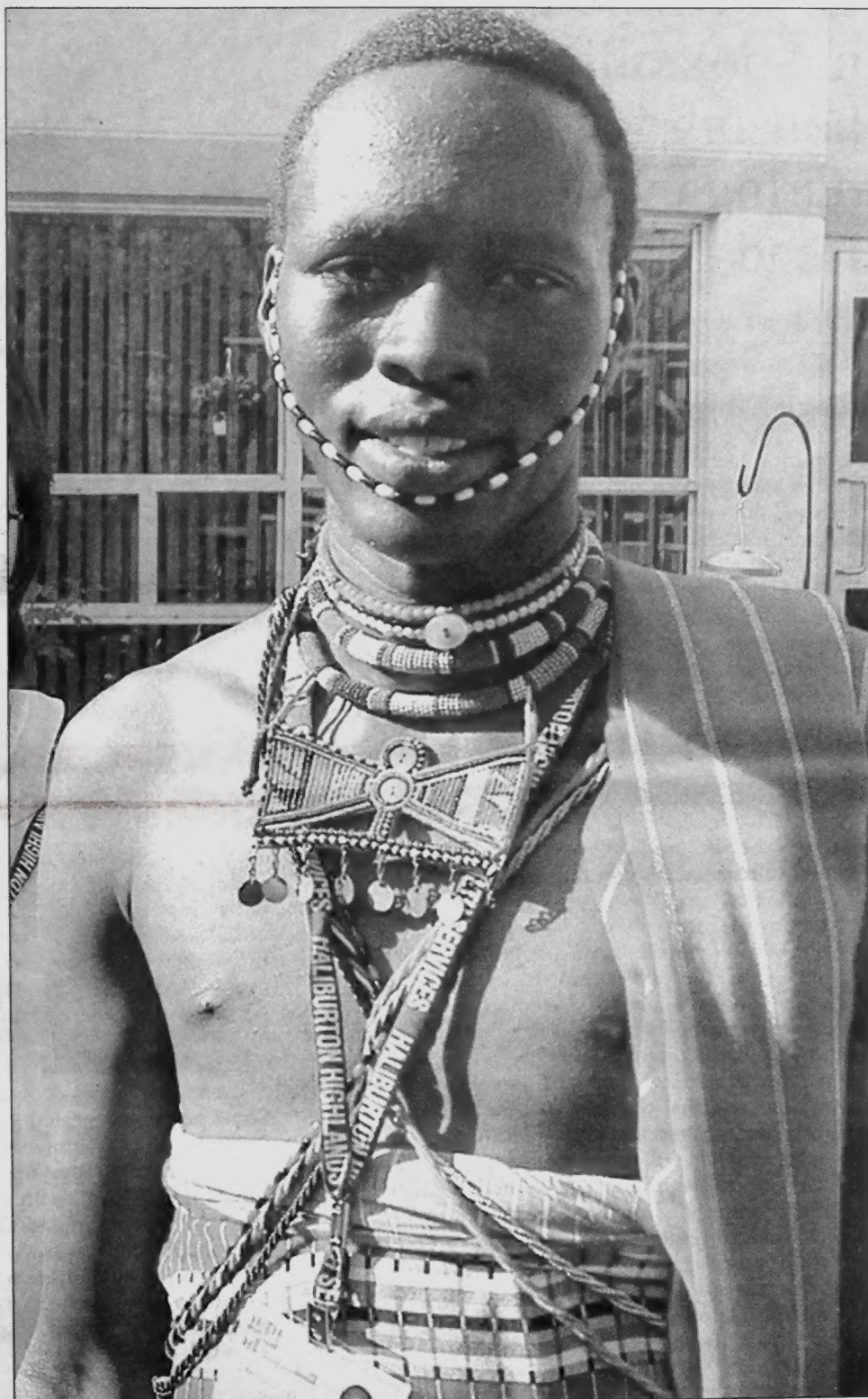
Receive greetings from my mother, father and brothers. I informed them that you have called for financial support on our behalf from wellwishers in Haliburton. My brother has now recovered but is still on medication.

I will be happy to receive the finances from you so that I can settle some of my brother's hospital bill and family expenses. We are now suffering more since the auctions where we used to sell our livestock are closed due to political violence. We don't know when they will be opened.

On a sad note, wild hyenas last week killed 16 sheep belonging to my father in the forest. There had been stray hyenas and leopards in the forest terrorizing people. We couldn't get any assistance from Kenya Wildlife Service which normally scares the animals away and compensates those affected. They are busy maintaining peace and order in towns.

Otherwise I thank you for your help. May God bless all of you.

Danilo Legei



The *Echo* inadvertently ran the wrong picture of Danilo on January 26. This photo of him was taken at Highland Wood, where he had worked in 2005.

February 13, 2008
Hello Jane,

I am very pleased that you have stretched out your hand to offer your financial help to my family and me as much as you could.

We, as a family, now feel like the whole world is sympathizing with us, mourning along and praying a little for our bleeding country, Kenya.

It is with a sigh of relief that we settle down after more than a month of suffering, anxiety and fear as a result of the political anarchy that rocked the country after the disputed presidential elections.

The violence has led to a lot of injustices, economic ruin and lawlessness that have put our country under siege. The

terrain seems rough, discouraging the weak-hearted souls. However, I believe that a bad start truly doesn't mean a worse end.

I am optimistic that the peace talks mediated by the Kofi Annan team (eminent Africans) will soon bear fruits and normalcy will return to our motherland.

It is my pleasure to deliver the vote of thanks and acknowledgments to you and other well wishers for offering part of the labour of your hands to assist us.

May you all have a pleasant moment and a Happy Valentine.

Thank you once again. God bless.

Danilo Masiaine Legei
Kenya

New life for an old railway relic

Ideas for caboose's future include displaying railroad memorabilia and housing volunteers during events at Head Lake Park

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Save the caboose. That was the rallying cry of a majority of the two dozen people who gathered at the Haliburton Legion on February 12 to discuss the fate of Haliburton's caboose and want to see the relic saved.

It's still not known who will take the lead on the project, what role the caboose will serve and, most pertinent, will council allow it to happen?

"The input was very good," said organizer George Kadoke. "I think it was clear that everybody there wanted to save the caboose and the ideas were good and it gave us direction."

About a year and a half ago Kadoke joined the Rotary Club of Haliburton. He was approached by then president Robert denBoer to look into saving Haliburton's caboose.

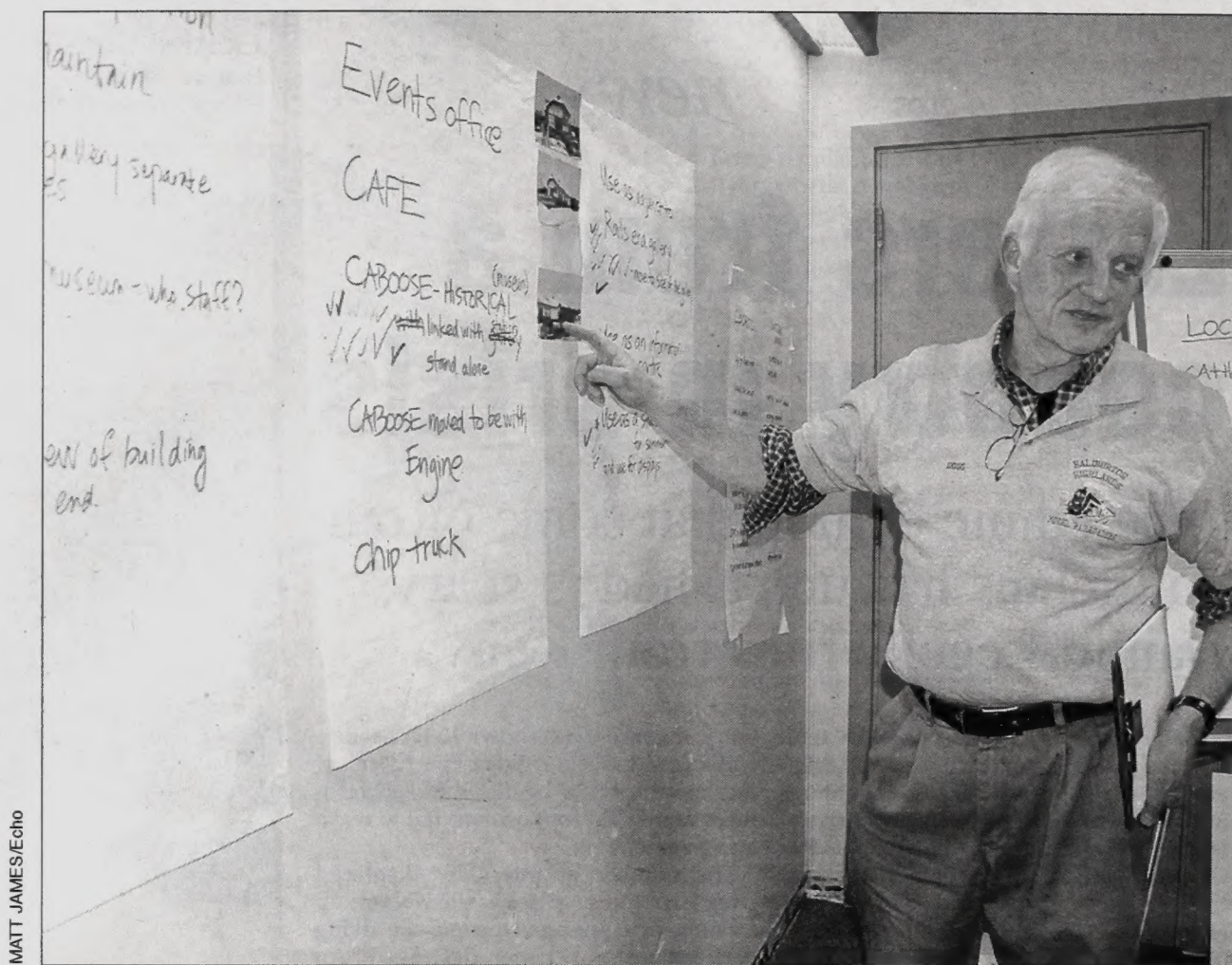
In more recent months the topic has picked up interest. Through dialogue with the public, e-mails to savethecaboose@yahoo.ca and telephone calls to his home, Kadoke felt he had enough support for a public meeting. He contacted Jim Blake of the Haliburton County Development Corporation to facilitate a meeting.

Blake began by outlining the meeting's goals: to gather input from the public and the cultural community about the caboose's potential uses and to identify what group or committee would be prepared to manage and commit to such a project.

Kadoke plans to bring forward a motion at Thursday's Rotary meeting that the club take the lead on restoring the caboose. If successful, an additional information package or plan will be put together by Kadoke on behalf of Rotary, and will be presented to council.

"The municipality owns the caboose and we need their blessing," Kadoke says.

If Rotary takes it on, the club would be partly responsible for funding the restoration of the caboose but would also ask for financial assistance from the municipality. In addition, there seems to be a lot of communi-



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Doug Stephen of Wilberforce is a model railroader and would like to be involved with the refurbishing of the caboose. One option is to move it to where the boxcar now sits behind the Rails End Gallery, as he illustrated at last week's meeting.

ty interest so a fundraising effort of some kind is likely to be organized.

Blake asked those at the meeting to answer two major questions: what purpose would they like to see the caboose serve and where should the caboose be located? No suggestion was a bad one.

Utilize or exhibit?

These are the two basic outcomes for the caboose. Some people suggested it be used as an events office or home base for volunteers during events in Head Lake Park. A display area for the work of local artists was mentioned as well as an outpost to the museum to display old railway memorabilia. Keeping the integrity of the caboose intact was also important.

On the flip side, there were those who simply wanted to restore the caboose to its original state and leave it on much like the steam engine at the front of the high school.

Restoration to the outside was a priority for both purposes while inside restoration would depend on cost and how the caboose would be used.

Location

There were a few suggestions regarding the location of the caboose. The three main ideas were:

- between the staircase and the ramp on the west end of the Rails End Gallery.
- where the old box car is on the south side of the gallery. (The box car would be moved between the gallery and the 4 Cs)
- somewhere in the park or at the front (north side) of the gallery.

The public is reminded that the meeting was simply to gather information and ideas and that nothing has been decided. There will be plenty of further discussion.

"I think it was very upbeat and people got involved and that's what it's all about," Kadoke said.



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Highlands East briefs

One more nay and it's back to Saunders Road

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the February 12 meeting of Highlands East council.

Thirteen people have yet to respond to second letter about a possible road name change to Saunders Road. The road was originally named South Wilberforce Road and then called Wilberforce Road. To date, 18 people have said they agreed with changing the name to Old Wilberforce Road; eight have said no.

There has to be an 80 per cent approval rate. For this second proposal to go ahead, the remaining 13 residents must all say yes.

Councillor Gary Stoughton is still peeved that the county is able to dictate what happens. His preference of calling it the South Wilberforce Road does not conform to the county's 911 road policy, which says directions – north, south, east or west – are not allowed in a road name because of the potential for confusion.

Horseshoe Days

The projected cost for the 2008 Gooderham Horseshoe Days is \$23,600. Last year council budgeted \$21,500 and the actual cost was \$15,907.08. Last year's projected revenue was \$19,000 and the actual revenue was \$18,499.85, giving a surplus of \$2,592.77.

No money handling

No municipal employee will be handling any money transfers, i.e. from the post office, liquor store, etc.. Council had thought the issue had already been resolved and Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie, along with other council members, were surprised to hear that municipal workers were still handling money. Mackie was adamant that this was an unsafe practice that had to stop. Council asked that staff research the costs of an armored car service and pick-up schedule.

Library committee

A request for a library committee proposed by Councillor Suzanne Partridge has been put on the May agenda. Partridge wanted a proactive approach in

order to identify what needs to be done to improve the libraries in Highlands East. But the rest of council voted to wait to see what happens with the county's decision on possible library closures. In the meantime council said it wouldn't support any library closures.

Tag Day

The Haliburton & District Lion's Club can operate Tag Day on March 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. around Highlands East.

A piece of the pie

Janis Whitehead, the soon-to-be president of the Bancroft and Chamber of Commerce, is asking for financial support for the service that the Chamber provides to Highlands East.

The Chamber says that nine per cent of the 340 members of the Chamber are in Highlands East and that tourism goes beyond borders. Whitehead hopes to convince council that the Chamber's efforts benefits the benefits not only to businesses in Highlands East but to the citizens as well.

The Bancroft Chamber is in a dire financial situation. Whitehead said they're working with one-third the staff and that operations aren't unsustainable at the moment. The Chamber can't continue without financial support.

Whitehead said the Chamber has asked for money once before and received it. The Chamber is asking for nine per cent of its budget to mirror the nine per cent of membership. This translates into approximately \$6,200.

Council deferred the decision until budget talks.

Ward structure

There might be a change in the municipality's ward structure. Council is discussing potential changes to Wards 1 and 2. However, most councillors "why change what isn't broken." If council decides to even look at the issue public input will be required. Council is not required to make any changes.

No Lassie, no

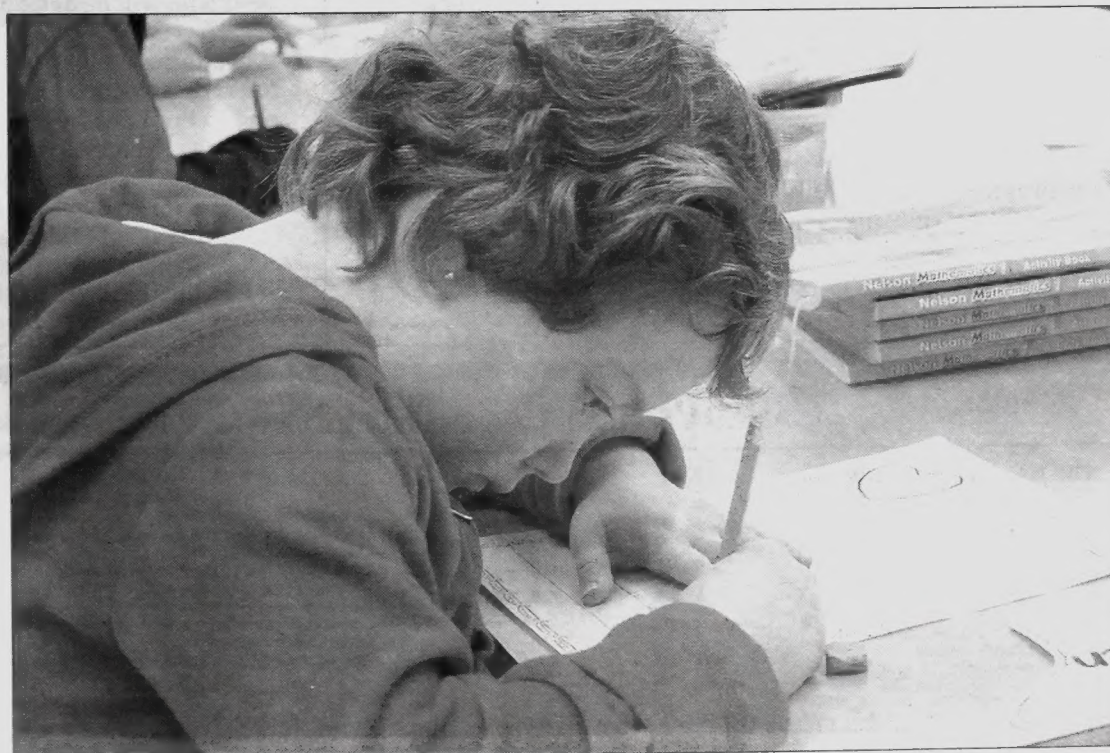
The public is reminded that a bylaw is in place that no pets/animals are allowed to be inside municipal buildings, such as arenas, libraries, and the post office.



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Ah, that's sweet

Students at Stuart Baker Elementary School celebrated Valentine's Day in many ways. Above, Paydon Miscio, Rachel Churko, both 8 and Mme. Sara Gruppe's Grade 3 French Immersion class handed out Valentine's Day cards, chocolate and cookies, which were all placed into homemade envelopes. Below, Arden Harrop, 6, writes a Valentine's Day story in her Grade 1 class taught by Mrs. Pat Burke and educational assistant Sue Rae.



A bad fit

When most people get into a debate they do so with the intention of winning. But first they must identify what winning means. Is it putting forth the best argument? Is it speaking with passion and commitment? Or is it being so convincing that you can make the other side change its mind?

At the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on Friday night, there's no doubt that the opponents to uranium mining won the passion argument. However, by getting distracted by the whole nuclear power debate, and letting their passions speak louder than their civility, they hurt their chances of winning the hearts and minds of

the people sitting in that room who think uranium mining might be good for this county. And that's a shame because uranium mining is very wrong for the Highlands.

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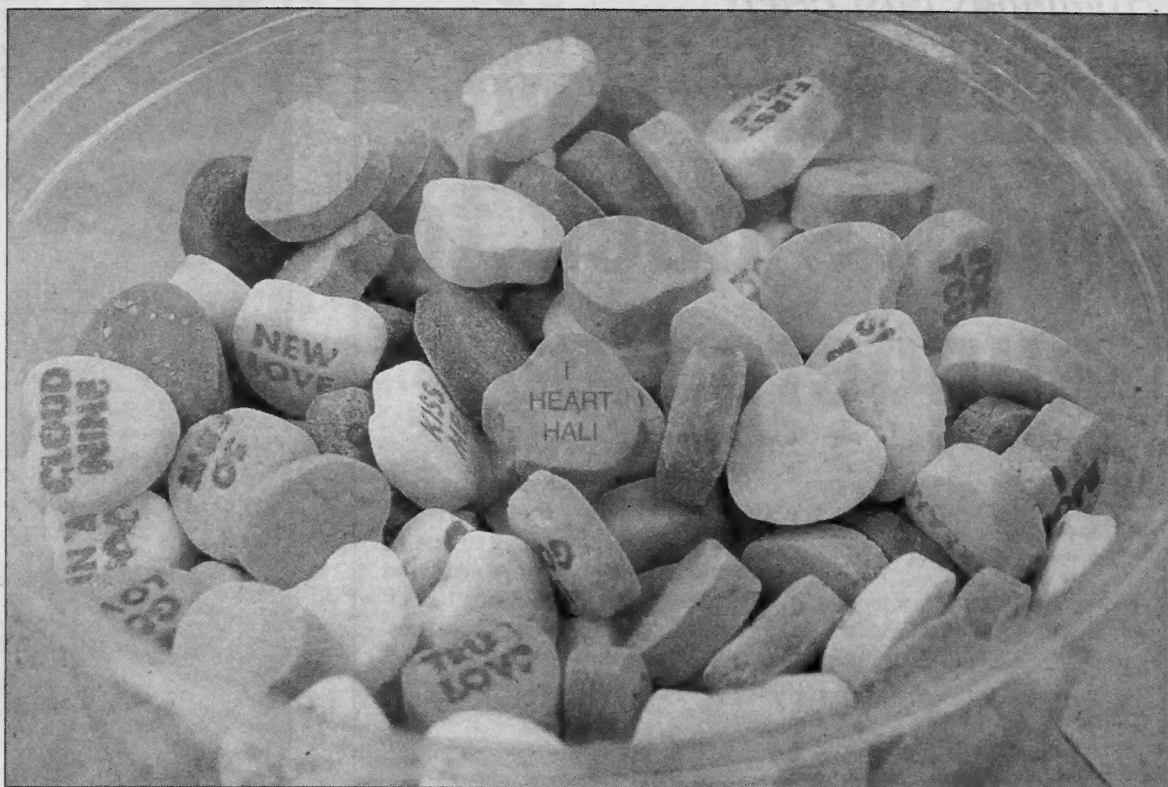
Forget any arguments about what the uranium is primarily used for – the fueling of nuclear reactors. That issue will never be resolved in a shouting match in Haliburton County. Let's focus on whether the temporary jobs created by mining outweigh the environmental and economic risks.

If the company drilling test samples finds enough uranium to make mining feasible it has said that it will conduct open pit mining. That means cutting down all the trees, removing the topsoil and blasting away the rock until all the uranium is extracted. Once that source is depleted, they'll turn to other areas of their property and do the same thing. Then, when all the uranium is gone, they'll fill the pits with water and leave.

The current Highlands economy has been built on two things. One is logging (which can replace what it extracts and, when done properly, is good for the forest); the other is the recreational value of our forests and lakes. People buy cottages here, they visit resorts on weekends, they snowmobile and ski on our wooded trails. There is a dollar value to each of those activities. Cottagers represent two-thirds of our municipal tax base, paying for things they use only a few times a year; their presence creates jobs. They, and the businesses that rely on them and tourists, have a right to expect that nothing will be done to destroy the very things that lead them to spend their disposal income here.

The people who live near the sites where uranium mining is being explored are understandably angry and worried. They also should be able to expect the rest of the county to support them. Property owners across the Highlands cannot simply say the issue doesn't affect them, therefore they shouldn't care. Do you know what's under the ground on your property, or the property next door?

But what about the residents of Wilberforce, who have a right to be excited about the prospect of meaningful employment? Don't tell them that if we all turn to solar power we won't need nuclear reactors any more. Instead, convince them that, in the long run, those promised 40 jobs will come at far too high a price.



Find your special Valentine

Photo by MATT JAMES/ECHO

I'm Magnum, column writer

IGUESS IF MY NAME WERE MAGNUM, I'd have to seriously think about a career in some kind of take-charge area such as criminal investigation, or possibly as a fighter pilot. Of course, a winery wouldn't be out of the question, either. Magnum Distilleries du Bordeaux paints a delicious picture.

It's not a common name and there isn't a Magnum family anywhere around here, or even in Toronto, which is probably a good thing because I'm not about to start researching anyone named Magnum. For one thing, I'm betting that Magnum wouldn't be their real name but a name they've decided fits their style which, again, warns me off meddling.

I've always been fascinated by how one's name often fits the vocation of its owner. Joe Montana. My god, how could he become anything but a star quarterback? In fact, with a name like Joe Montana he could become a star at anything he wanted. Think of the possibilities...

'And who will be defending you in this matter, Mr. Jarvis?'

"My attorney is Joe Montana."

"Case dismissed."

And to think that Joe Montana is the man's real name. Even Hollywood wouldn't contrive to name anyone Joe Montana for fear of being unbelievable. Well, maybe Hollywood would.

Bullitt. That's a Hollywood name. Steve McQueen, in the role he was born to play: Frank Bullitt, hard-talkin', hard-drinkin' hard-

livin' lieutenant of the San Francisco PD. He stays up till five in the morning and then goes out chasing bad guys. Because back in the '60s if you didn't stay up until 5 a.m., you just weren't happening. And he was able to become a lieutenant while keeping these hours.

Bullitt is a good name for a cop and Steve McQueen is a good name for an actor who was, in fact, even more macho in real life than some of the characters he played on the silver screen.

He drove dirt bikes and race cars and you know he wasn't about to let some stunt driver take the wheel in one of his movies. I have a feeling that if Steve McQueen couldn't do it, he wouldn't play it. But he is definitely in the minority on that score.

I suppose the Western has the ultimate in outrageous names. Who can forget Hopalong Cassidy, one of my favourite cowboy heroes. He dressed entirely in black, carried two pearl-handled six-shooters and rode a white

horse. Very cool. He had a comical sidekick aptly-named Sagebrush, played by Hollywood's own grizzly side-kick actor named Gabby Hayes, who also played the same part for the King of the Cowboys, Roy Rogers. Gabby Hayes was very happily type-cast as the comical sidekick in the day of the Western, this was pure gold.

I always pictured the parents of all these characters in the process of coming up with their names. "I know, let's call him Sagebrush." Or, 'How about Hopalong? It has a certain je ne sais quoi...'



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Eight hours of winter

You might recall the blizzard we had two Sundays ago. It featured winds that made outdoor urination a very risky proposition and whiteouts that hid the shore. Naturally, I chose this time to go ice fishing.

I didn't do this of my own free will. No, I went because a friend of mine showed up and asked if we could go ice fishing. After his three-hour drive from the city, I could hardly say no. The headlock made this difficult.

So we had a quick coffee and drove out to a small lake in search of lake trout. Eight hours later, we caught one.

It doesn't matter who caught it. What matters is that both of us, fairly intelligent individuals, stood on the open ice in the middle of a lake without shelter for eight hours. In this time, we conducted an intellectual study of chattering teeth and bouncing willow gads.

The conversation was scintillating too. It went something like this.

out-
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steve
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"This is crazy."

"Yes, I agree, this is crazy."

"A few more hours?"

"Sure."

In many ways the whole situation reminded me of an Ingmar Bergman movie – two confused people alone in a bleak and barren landscape, both contemplating the meaninglessness of life.

As if this wasn't enough, at one point a stray Labrador retriever crossed the lake to visit us.

I've already met this particular dog before and don't like him much. He tries to steal fish, gloves, and whatever else is handy. So I warned Bryn not to trust the mutt. In response, he said, "What could he possibly do?"

It was then that the dog raised his leg and pretended that Bryn's new daypack was a fire hydrant.

"That's what," I added.

Bryn quickly packed a snowball but I still think he should have thrown it at the dog.

The sad part is, that was the highlight of the day. Several times during the ordeal we could not see shore, even though it was a very small lake. And every five minutes we had to clear the ice out of our holes. And then we tended line.

As enjoyable experiences go, it ranked right up there with root canal or a Celine Dion concert. Okay, it wasn't as bad as a Celine Dion concert, but you get the idea.

In any other country in this world, a team of psychiatrists would have been immediately dispatched to the site. But, as we all know, this is part of what it is to be Canadian. It's what sets us apart. It's why the Americans don't invade.

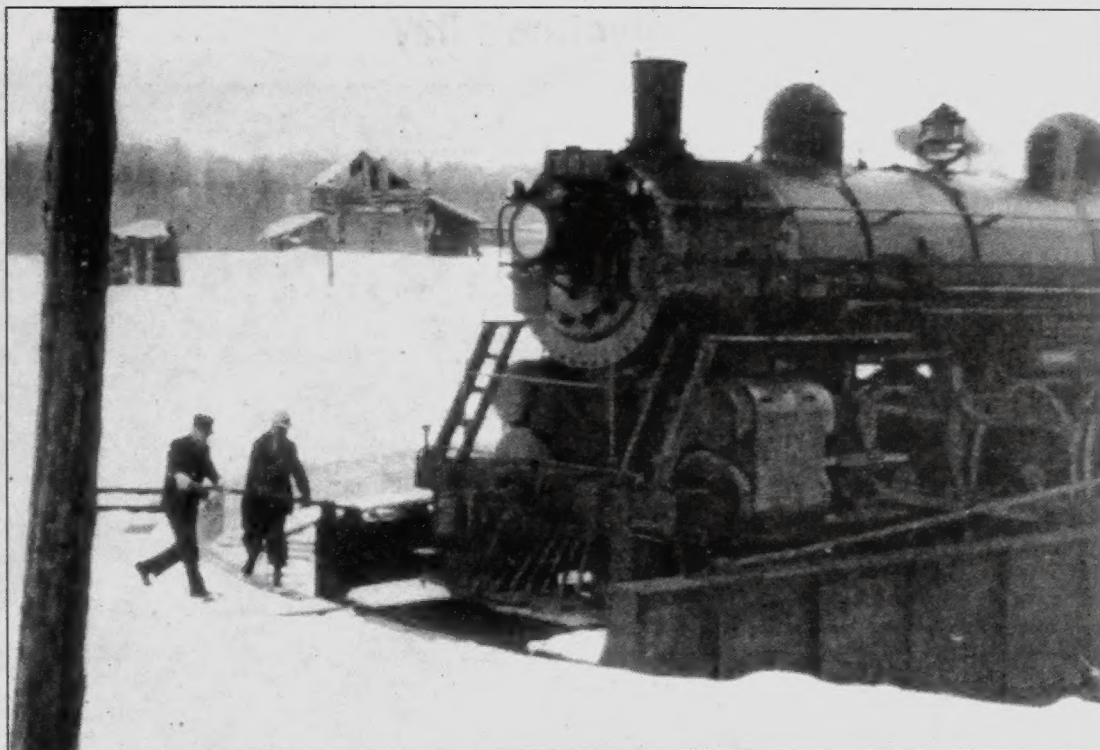
Whether it is ice fishing, snowmobiling, skating on an open pond, skiing, snowshoeing, curling, or any of countless others frigid things we do, it seems to me that, for us Canucks, this sort of winter activity is a rite of passage. It is in our national character to embrace winter like this at least once a year.

I figure that one Canadian day provides us with a better outlook for the rest of the year.

It also explains that crazy fellow you always see who is smiling and whistling a happy tune while digging a meaningless hole in the garden for his wife during the height of black fly season. You know the man. He's sweating rivulets, being eaten alive, and just joyful to be there.

The thing is, he's not nuts.

He's just thinking that it could be a whole lot worse. That's right, he could be at a Celine Dion concert.



pic of the past

CAN YOU IMAGINE trying to turn around a train engine? That's precisely what Highlands crews had to do when the train reached the end of the track. Tales of the rail will be explored this Saturday when the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton hosts the viewing of two short films about the railway in Haliburton County. Please see page 21 for details.

letters to the editor

Not everyone agrees

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Percy Lake Ratepayers' Association for its "common sense" approach to the proposed development on their lake. Unfortunately, the Haliburton Lake Cottage Association reported that a poll of its members indicated that approximately half were against the proposal. This came from a survey that was supposed to be sent to all Haliburton Lake and South Bay property owners. Several did not receive it. The leading question was quite ambiguous and 162 members indicated that they were "not in favour of any future development." There are 500-plus properties on Haliburton Lake and South Bay.

As a result of an oversight, the Fort Irwin Residents Association wasn't in attendance at the Dysart planning meeting. FIRA is located on Haliburton Lake with a membership of 68 full-time and summer residents. A letter was sent to Dysart in September 2006. Another letter was sent to surveyor Paul Wilson, who rep-

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Overblown?

To the Editor:

Re: Uranium debate overblown, letters, Feb. 12

I realize citizens of the Highlands East area have been a little emotional about uranium mining coming our way and that others in the western parts of this county are probably sick of reading about it, letter writer Thomas Kovacs being one of them.

When the mining company comes in for the uranium, whether it be the U238 that Mr. Kovacs spoke of, or U235, a less stable and more dangerous naturally occurring variety, 4,000 acres will be clear-cut. Then the night-time operation lights are set up and the drilling rigs, diggers, blasters and heavy trucks move in. They will be running 24/7 to the benefit of all within ears-shot and oxygen use in the eastern part of our county.

I just hope the winds "overblowing" the pit are carrying the noise, dust and contaminants in the direction of Mr. Kovacs or anyone else who thinks that we of Highlands East are worrying needlessly or that this a good opportunity for Haliburton County.

Daryl Sands, his wife and four kids
Highlands East

Boonieville

by Charlie Teljeur



A little sweetness on Valentine's Day



MATT JAMES/Echo



Mining laws outdated

To the Editor:

People over in the uranium part of the county should know that changing the 100-year-old law that allows the interlopers to walk onto your property and drive stakes all over was a McGuinty promise in the last election — and in the 2003 campaign as well.

Opponents to uranium mining should check out the story in last Thursday's *Star*, and they will get some background and a possible ally with more information from ForestEthics spokesperson Gillian McEacherin. While this group may be more interested in protecting the boreal forests above the 51st parallel, everyone can get behind calling for a moratorium or elimination of the "free entry" clause in the Mining Act until something more suitable to this century is approved.

Harvey Clarke
Donald

Road crews are the best

To the Editor:

Dysart's snow removal crew of Brian Nicholson are doing a fantastic job keeping our roads clean and they are doing it on time. Keep it up. You are the best.

Art Oullette
Haliburton

Work together on proposal

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resents property owner Greif Bros.) in April 2007. In both letters FIRA recognized that further development is inevitable and that the Greif proposal is reasonable. Environmental and other concerns were expressed but the association was confident that the municipality would ensure that the development would proceed in accordance with all levels of government guidelines.

The proposed development for 106 lots on Haliburton Lake and Percy Lake is an acceptable one, particularly if you consider that many more lots could have been proposed. Everyone should be working together to address all issues and make this proposal work for everyone.

Dick Duchemin and Bill Wakely
Haliburton LakeGEORGE'S *auto*

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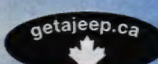
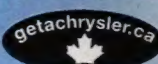
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Board still wants to find way to improve libraries

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Highlands East that they don't want bigger and better. They want the status quo," said Mackie, who was unable to attend the public meeting but listened to the recorded responses on tape.

Algonquin Highlands representatives were less sure of what their citizens wanted after the public meeting at the Frost Centre.

"I have grave concerns about the status quo because I don't think that's what they really want. I think they want more open hours and more programming and better services. That's what I thought I heard. Status quo - I don't think they really want," said Algonquin Highlands reeve and county warden Eleanor Harrison.

Harrison was worried that the county would not have the money to fund all of the branches staying open while enhancing their hours and programming.

Algonquin Highlands deputy-reeve Tom Gardner wasn't sure how best to address the concerns of the people who came out to the public meetings. While agreeing that something had to be done, he said he wasn't sure what that something should be.

"I guess the status quo is one option," Gardner said.

"I guess another option is just leaving the recommendation to county council [for only one branch in each municipality] in its place. You can say, 'Okay, we've made our thoughts known, let's let county council make the political decision. Or, do we go back to the drawing board,'" he said.

The citizen board members were much more comfortable with going back to step one than the councillors.

Nancy McLuskey said that after going to the Wilberforce meeting she was prepared to totally reverse course and do something different.

"The existing libraries have problems but maybe we need to address them in a different fashion. We have to give some serious thought

to what direction we want to provide the county. I'm quite prepared to rethink the whole process as a result of those meetings," she said.

Likewise, Janet Harnden said the board needs to look at the libraries in Dysart and Minden differently from the ones in Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands.

"Maybe we should be looking at libraries in two separate ways: Minden and Haliburton as more urban kind of libraries and the smaller ones as rural libraries," she said.

Rozanne Hynard said that even though the two smaller municipalities want the status quo doesn't mean that Minden and Haliburton shouldn't go ahead with enhancements.

"The public seemed to say, 'We don't care, we want these small libraries.' I felt that if we were to go that route and keep the eight library branches, we need to look at ways to enhance the services for the two larger branches," she said.

The sentiment of most members of the board was that a plan customized for each municipality was needed in order to keep the public happy and to provide adequate library services to everyone.

Murdoch was explicit that every municipality should end up with something better by the end of the process. The dilemma now is how to do that in the smaller municipalities with resources being spread across multiple branches.

Mackie, on the other hand, noted that if people of Highlands East want the bigger, better library they can just visit a neighbouring township.

"We'll have the enhanced library. It's called Dysart," Mackie said.

Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East will be asked to provide direction to the board for the next meeting on what their voters want in a library system.

Board members will also consider whether to ask the Southern Ontario Library Service (authors of the Golden Report of 2002) back to facilitate a new plan.

Health services gets help with CEO search

The board of directors of Haliburton Highlands Health Services has approved the hiring of Promeus Executive Search of Toronto to find a permanent Chief Executive Officer.

Promeus was chosen by the board's search committee over three other companies. The Committee was impressed with the firm's strong appreciation of the health care environment, their focus on public and not-for-profit sectors and the thoroughness of their presentation. Promeus has extensive experience in the health care field and recruitment in smaller communities including Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay. The company is led by two former health care professionals, RN Barb

Nixon and Dr. Donald Livingstone.

They will lead the HHHS search which they estimate will take at least three months. Their work will include interviews in the community as they develop a profile of the candidate that will best serve the needs of Haliburton County.

In the meantime, HHHS continues to move forward with steps to improve the delivery of health care for the residents, visitors and cottagers of Haliburton County. Under the leadership of interim CEO Janice Hardy, renovations to the Minden emergency department have been completed, work will soon begin on the Haliburton emergency department and other exciting projects are in the works.

MPP wants to keep Lord's Prayer

MPP Laurie Scott is urging Premier Dalton McGuinty to keep the recitation of the Lord's Prayer as part of its daily proceedings at Queen's Park.

"Ontario is a province of deep cultural roots and it is important that we respect and maintain the traditions and history of the Ontario Legislature. Part of that tradition is keeping the Lord's Prayer," said Scott. "The focus should be on building upon tradition rather than obscuring it."

Scott made the comments following McGuinty's call for the province to 'move beyond' the recitation of the Lord's Prayer in the Legislature.

"I have not heard one resident

of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock oppose the Lord's Prayer," added Scott. "The people of this riding care more about making sure they have good paying jobs, a health care system that works, successful farms and small businesses, and an education system that helps provide our kids with the skills and good start they need."

Scott added that an all-party committee should review a range of legislative reforms and any changes should respect the tradition and history of Ontario.

A petition to maintain the Lord's Prayer is available at Scott's office in Lindsay or at www.lauriescottmpp.com

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Drivers cope with icy roads

Haliburton County was covered with a sheet of freezing rain on Sunday, which made for slippery road conditions and treacherous driving for the inaugural Family Day long weekend.

Larry Blanchard, a manager with the county's EMS department, was on call. "Thankfully, no major incidents were reported as far as I know."

On Monday a Dysart roads department employee said that road conditions were "a little dicey" to begin with but "all of the roads have been sanded and most of the roads are back to standard."

Due to the new statutory holiday, the Echo was unable to contact police to find out exactly how many calls were received due to the slick road conditions.

Company says drill tests will show if mining land is feasible

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samples show that there is enough uranium would mining the land ever be feasible. When and if the process moved ahead, he said, "Canada has some of the toughest environmental regulations in the world. We cannot take a step without being regulated.... It's a very, very rigorous process."

Bancroft Uranium has hired EarthTech and Greenspirit Strategies "to advise and direct us". The link to Greenspirit particularly angered the opponents of uranium mining because one of its principals is Patrick Moore. Moore was involved with Greenpeace in the environmental protest group's early years but now is championing nuclear energy. "Traitor," yelled one person when Moore's name was mentioned.

Hammond, however, said that nuclear energy was much better for the environment than coal- or gas-powered energy sources.

Forty jobs would be created at the Bancroft Uranium mines, should mining go ahead, Hammond said. There would be positive economic spinoffs as the company and its employees spend money in the community. He was heckled when he said real estate prices would rise.

EarthTech's Derek Parks said uranium prices are high because of China's growing need for power.

Trevor Figueiredo is a senior vice-president with Greenspirit Technologies. He said the earth was facing a sustainability challenge as the global population increases and the land base diminishes. Patrick Moore is one of the company's founders.

A show of hands indicated that about two-thirds of the crowd was against uranium mining. (It's not known whether the other third agreed with it or were there just to listen.)

The first question was addressed to Figueiredo. (Hammond was quiet throughout most of the meeting, with Figueiredo and Parks responding to most of the questions and comments.)

If nuclear energy is so great why is Ontario Hydro's nuclear division in so much debt? Figueiredo said a lot of it had to do with the provincial government and politics; other nuclear reactors have been built on time and on budget.

The next question came from an obviously upset woman. "If you're into the Greenspirit crap, are you saying your life is more valuable than the birds and little animals," she asked Figueiredo, referring to the blasting that would have to be done at Bancroft Uranium's open pit mine. She added, "If you're so greenspirited, learn how to put individual power sources into each home."

Figueiredo said the company supports renewable wind and solar energy but said they weren't enough to supply the world's needs.

As emotions intensified and people in the room made comments along the way, local Green Party candidate Doug Smith said the meeting needed a moderator, to which one person in the crowd remarked, "Sit down and shut up." Ron Reid, who is against the mine but wanted the meeting to be conducted with civility, volunteered for the task.

When a comment was made about homes in Bicroft being bought for peanuts because of environmental hazards, Parks said "it's not the same company."

Robin Simpson, who has been leading the fight against local uranium mining and is a founder of FUME (Fight Uranium Mining Everywhere), said that "Patrick Moore is nothing but an eco-whore."

MARTHA PERKINS photos/Echo



Local Green Party candidate Doug Smith, left, confronted representatives of Bancroft Uranium on their environmental beliefs. "As environmentalists, you're utterly pathetic," he said.

He asked the company how deep it was drilling for its test samples. The answer was 150'. Simpson, who lives near the Bancroft Uranium site, said that his well starts at 85'. He repeatedly asked for assurances that the company would pay to remediate his well should the mining pollute his water; eventually he was told that the company wouldn't commit to such a promise.

Parks said sample drilling and a hydrogeological study have yet to be completed. "Why should we just go away?"

Doug Smith yelled, "Because you're in the middle of a rural area."

Parks said Simpson was assuming that the water on the company's property flows into Simpson's well. Parks said that the company is only on Crown land. Simpson responded that two of the staked properties were privately owned.

The company was asked whether its uranium would be used for "America's war machine." The company said that Canada has signed a non-proliferation treaty and it is illegal to sell uranium for use in nuclear weapons.

Were there any health issues related to uranium mining? Figueiredo said modern uranium mining was safe and that a study in Saskatchewan, home of Canada's biggest uranium mines, has not found any illnesses associated with uranium. (The crowd scoffed at this.)

Is there any data that shows what happens to property values when a mine goes in? Figueiredo said that property values near the Kincardine nuclear reactor increased because of engineers moving to the area.

Local resident Roger Young was a Member of Parliament in the Trudeau era. He was a liaison between the government and mining companies so he's seen the issues through both sides. "Before you get the uranium you have to get it out of the ground," he said. "You want to do open pit mining and you have to cut down every tree. You blast every other day. I live two miles from your site. I don't want to hear that percussion."

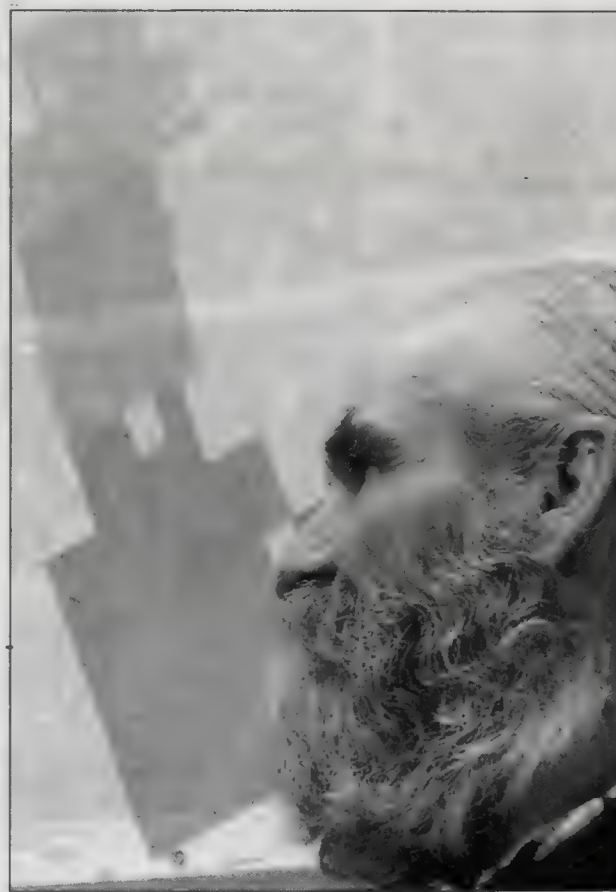
Young said that 80 per cent of local property taxpayers are cottagers. The uranium mining is "going to depress our cottage values and chase us away."

"When you get all the uranium out of the ground, you will leave the area and leave us with a pit giving up radon gas."

The meeting broke down into heckling again when Parks tried to answer Young's question about who will monitor the site for the next 1,000 years. Young told Parks, "I know bullshit when I hear it."

Parks said the uranium for nuclear energy has to come from somewhere. Someone in the crowd responded, "Not from Haliburton."

Parks was asked what guarantees were in place to



With a map of the staked lands on the wall behind him, Robin Simpson listens to one of the speakers at FUME's meeting on Wednesday night. He is a founder of Fight Uranium Mining Everywhere.

ensure the uranium "won't go to the American war machine." He said Canadian regulations forbid military uses of our uranium.

Another woman said that depleted uranium is a by-product of the nuclear industry. "What policies are in place to protect the health of the earth and humans?"

Figueiredo was thwarted in his attempts to respond until someone yelled out "Let him answer." He said that radiation is a natural phenomenon; a working uranium mine produces the same amount of radiation as his return flight to Vancouver.

"You're willing to gamble our lives," someone said. Parks said that currently the company was testing to see how much uranium there is and putting safeguards in place.

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Opponents say company is gambling with their lives

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One woman asked the three proponents if they would be willing to have a lunch from her garden and drink water from her well after the mine starts.

"We're not even there folks," Parks said.

"That's not what you tell your shareholders," someone yelled.

Figueiredo said "We're all Canadians, we all love this country and want what's best for this country."

The Green Party's Doug Smith spoke of "corporate criminals." He said "As environmentalists, you're utterly pathetic."

Figueiredo said, "We work in the nuclear sector because we believe in it."

Robin Simpson again asked whether the company will fix his well should the drilling contaminate his water.

Parks said that 40 years ago, there were 200 drill samples taken to test for uranium. "If you say we're going to contaminate your well, it might already be done."

Simpson said that he is testing his water for uranium. He asked for assurances that if it has uranium in it, the company will not make the situation worse.

Parks said, "You can't say whether it comes from us or not."

In response to Simpson saying that there were two species at risk on the property, Parks says that the Ministry of Natural Resources has told the company there are no species at risk. Parks asked Simpson to "give me what they are so we can inspect them beforehand."

Simpson also noted the drilling will be taking place 150 feet from the Irondale River, which feeds the Trent Severn system.

The company confirmed there will be tailings left at the site. Tailings are the remains of the blasted rock. The company said "There won't be what you call radioactive waste. We are after the raw uranium." The uranium is going to be separated by gravity and driven to a mill, not milled on the site.

Asked what the company is going to do with the tailings, Parks said they are going to follow the usual practice of burying it and covering it with water. He said that should the project go into the next phase, these questions will be answered as part of the Environmental Assessment process. "If it's feasible to be extracted you will be able to see what we do for mitigation. We [first] need to verify what is there. If the drill results are positive we'll say what's found and what we propose."

Parks said the community's concerns were valid but noted that the former mining town of Elliott Lake is now a retirement community. The company was showing its goodwill by holding the public meeting, which it is not required to do. Later he said that the company will have to file a closure plan before mining begins and include financial security should there be any environmental problems that need to be fixed.

Heather Ross of Environment Haliburton! asked what steps the compa-

ny was taking to ensure the drill sites didn't cause damage.

Hammond said drillers have been told that if there's any runoff, they're to dam it.

Resident Dale McCrae said the company's doing nothing different from people who drill for a water well. Later, one woman said the difference is what is disturbed when the core sample is pulled out.

One person said that the three mining representatives don't live in the area so the issue doesn't directly affect them. It was also said that local people won't have the qualifications for the mining jobs.

Exploration geologist John Etches noted that Haliburton County is valuable to people because of its natural environment. Figueiredo said mining and tourism can co-exist.

Carolynn Coburn said "My experience of Environmental Assessments is they tend to slow a corporation down but don't derail it. Have any exploration projects stopped because of threats to the environment?"

Parks said he didn't know and conditions can be put on a project beforehand.

Ken Sanderson worked at the Dyno Mines. The company-built Cardiff townsite would not exist were it not for the uranium mine and 425 people were employed. If you don't know where the mine was you'd be hard pressed to find it. (Dyno mines were shaft mines, not open pits.)

When Simpson tried to respond, one woman said, "We're tired of listening to you. All he does is say the same things."

Simpson said that the Cardiff houses were built with tailings and that a multi-million remediation process was undertaken in 1980 because of safety concerns.

Faith Young said that you can't divorce nuclear weaponry from uranium production. Studies have linked uranium mining to lung cancer. She said Canada does not have a good environmental protection record.

When Parks asked if radon has shown up in anyone's water wells, one woman remarked that the \$140 cost for testing made it prohibitive for some people.

There was then another lengthy debate about nuclear energy.

Asked about the meeting, Hammond said, "Their concerns are valid". He said Bancroft Uranium was on Crown land and was exploring sites that were first tested in the 1960s. Uranium mining is returning to Ontario because demand has created an increase in uranium prices.

He says that if the 35 hectares is mined, it might theoretically take six years to remove all the ore. Later it may be economic to mine other parts of the property, perhaps 1,000 hectares.

He says that "What the meeting's taught me is I need to be better educated about the science. I don't have the proper knowledge base to respond [to people's questions.] It's a real learning curve, this industry."

Figueiredo said, "Mining in the past was done badly but things have changed. It's a very rigorous process."

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Red Hawks travel to York U for the love of hockey

Girls enjoy hockey tournament to the fullest, so much so they're going back to York University for another in March

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls' hockey team returned from a two-day tournament at York University without a win but they still had smiles on their faces. They simply love playing the game.

The girls travelled individually with parents, teachers, or volunteers in order to play in the Girls DD Delight tournament on February 11 and 12. It is Ontario's largest girls high school hockey tournament.

In their first three games the Red Hawks lost 5-0 to teams from Barrie, Thornhill, and Sudbury. The fourth and final match was a 6-1 loss against Bell from Ottawa.



The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks girls hockey team line up to shake hands at the end of a game.

Katelyn Cowan scored the lone Red Hawks goal roofing a pass from Paige Roberts into the net.

"Once the other team had reached five goals they stopped counting," says Red Hawks Emily Stonehouse, laughing.

The coaches were Bruce Griffith and Cynthia Mitchell and Grade 12 student Zack Prenger assisted. Maddie Farracudi led the girls with assistant captains Emma Cox and Katelyn Cowan. The team's enforcer was Kaitlyn Hunter, who took three penalties over the duration of the tournament.

"It was a lot of fun," said Stonehouse. "After hockey we went back to the hotel,

went shopping at Vaughan Mills and watched movies."

It was a bonding experience for the girls and it was hockey that brought them all together. It was obvious that Haliburton was always the weaker of the two teams on the ice, which gave them an underdog status. From the bench and the stands, coaches and parents overheard words of affection from other teams and parents.

"All the teams loved us," said Stonehouse. "We created a nice girls' reputation."

The girls are excited to play in another tournament at York on March 3 and 4.



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Will Pentesco pins his opponent down his opponent during the Kawartha Wrestling Championships at HHSS last week. His efforts earned him a silver medal.

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

After bad weather cancelled the 2008 Kawartha Wrestling Championships on February 13 wrestlers got to show some love when the tournament was rescheduled to the very next day—Valentine's Day.

But the love day certainly didn't stop any wrestlers from their usual forfeits, takedowns, and reversals inside the Nest at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

It was a successful day for the Red Hawks squad with Harley Foulds and Nicole Phillips taking home gold medals while nine other Red Hawks took home silvers. In addition the Red Hawks men's and women's teams each placed second among 11 Kawartha schools.

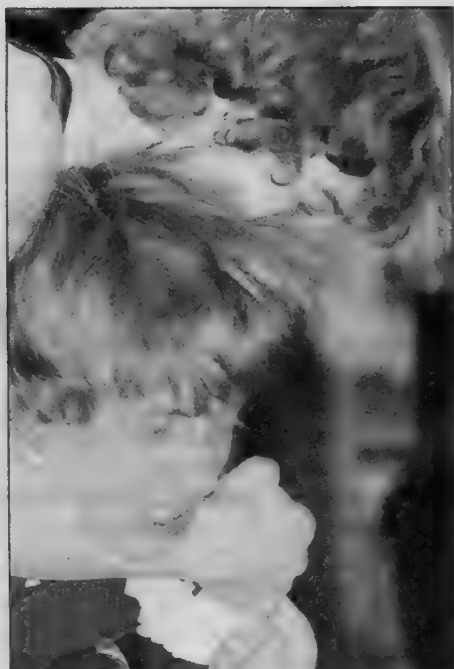
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5th Place: Connor Cowan, Mitch Rea, Mitch Hicks, Tori Brown, and Craig Mulholland.



Tanner Cowan puts a stranglehold on his opponent.



Christianna Walker, right, grabs hold of her opponent's leg in an all-out battle inside the Nest.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

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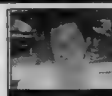
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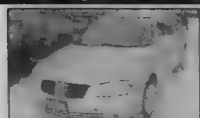
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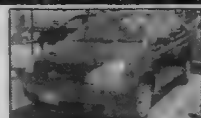
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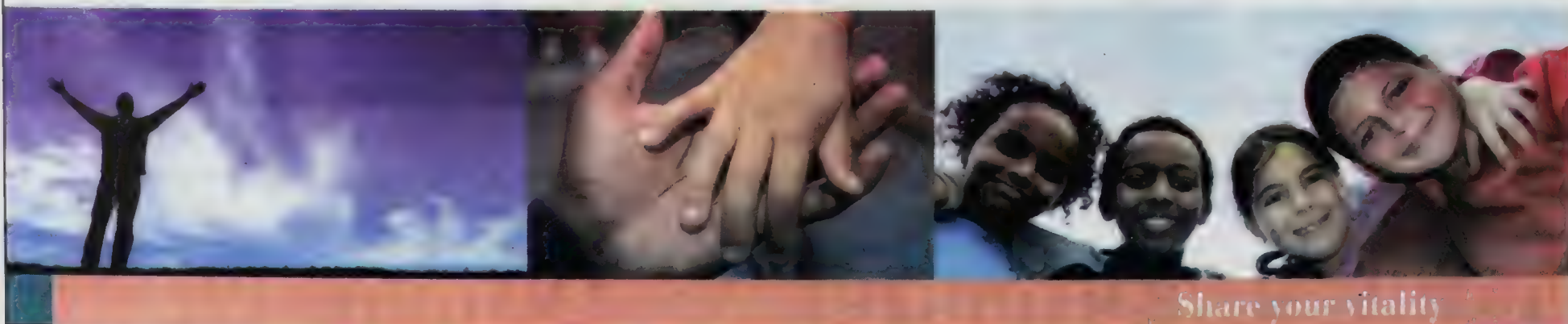
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Figure skating club carves up success

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

It's been quite a year for the Haliburton Figure Skating Club and on Sunday, March 2, at the club will host the 2008 Kawartha Highlands Interclub Competition — an event the club has won twice in recent years and hopes to win again.

"It is a day filled with many skating events," says Leslie Lumley, chair of the Kawartha Highlands Interclub.

Already the club's skaters have seen success. STARskate, which stands for stands for Skills, Tests, Achievement, and Recognition, is a program for skaters of all ages designed to develop the fundamental skills in the areas of ice dance, skating skills, free skate and interpretive skating.

At the Skokie Skate in Huntsville and the Santa Skate in Port Carling, the club's STARskate Elements team of Shyanna Smith, Casey Pringle and Shannon McMurray brought home the gold. Pringle placed second in her solo skate while Smith placed third. In addition, Sandy Griffith placed 1st in spins and 2nd in the element program.

And in only her second competition, on January 12 in Frankford, Amber

Loney placed third in her solo skate.

The junior stars also had an excellent first competition with "amazing results," says Lumley. Hanna Reddering brought home the lone gold in the elements and added a bronze while the brother and sister duo of Ian and Natalie Griffin took home silver in their free skate solos and bronze in their elements.

Awards also went to Allie Paul who won silver in elements and Claire Karaguesian who took bronze in her free skate solo. Also of honourable mention were Jenny Woolacott, Jessica Mooney, Jessica Karaguesian and Bethany and Ainsley Little who skated with heart.

"I think we have a really good working team," said Lumley,

"from the coaching staff to assistants to the executive."

The coaches are Guy Gordon and Chris O'Mara. Gordon, who has approximately 39 years of experience in the industry, compliments the enthusiasm of the young O'Mara, who's been with the club for about five years. Together they're making skating happen.

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"Remember, skating is a life-long sport. It's never too late to start. We have programs to suit everyone," says Lumley.

Fans of figure skating

should also mark March 29 on their calendars when the Haliburton Figure Skating Ice Show presents two shows, from 2-4 p.m. and again from 7-9 p.m.

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Emily Turner came first in the senior girls 6 km race.



Dan Wright came first in the senior boys 6 km race.



Maddie Ferracuti came third in senior girls 6 km.

Red Hawk skiers advance to COSSA

After doing well in the Kawartha Nordic Championships at Glebe Park on February 12, the entire Haliburton Highlands Secondary School cross-country ski team will race in the upcoming COSSA Nordic Championships at Glebe Park on Feb. 20.

The sun was shining and it was a perfect day for a ski race and with the recently fallen snow the conditions were great! While most of the other high school sports were cancelled due to snow, races were certainly a go at Glebe Park. See complete results below.

*KR=Kawartha Rank

NOVICE GIRLS 3.5 KM

Robbie Balaski 20:47 KR 3rd

NOVICE BOYS

Alex Monk-Cray 15:39 KR 9th

JUNIOR BOYS 6 KM

Josh Wright 22:49 KR 1st

Drew Paul 25:29 KR 2nd

SENIOR GIRLS 6 KM

Emily Turner 25:01 KR 1st

Maddie Ferracuti 28:04 KR 3rd

Mhairi Treharne 32:37 KR 7th

Claire Flatman 35:39 KR 8th

Heather Cox-Gurden 39:09 KR 12th

SENIOR BOYS 6KM

Dan Wright 22:34 KR 3rd

Isaac Smith 23:59 KR 4th

Haliburton skiers win in Ottawa

Haliburton cross-country skiers were the class of the competition at the Gatineau Loppet in Ottawa during the weekend of Feb. 16 and 17. Saturday's classic technique race was held in cold conditions but there were some hot skis under the feet of Haliburton skiers.

In the 53 km race, Jennifer Paton won a gold medal in the women's 40-44 division. Meanwhile, in the 29km race, Mike Armstrong took silver in the men's 35-39 division, while Risto Santala took gold in the men's 65-69 division.

Other Haliburton ski club members also participated, many turning in excellent personal performances. Mike Darlington, Marcel Crete and Tins Koskelo represented the club in the 53km classic technique race.

On Sunday, Jack Simpson and Blake Paton participated in the 53km free technique race, while Peter Bowers and Len Pizzey also skied for Haliburton in the 29km free technique.

Youngsters Kara Bowers, Charlotte Paton and Betty Paton wore race bibs for the first time in the 2km kids' event.

The Gatineau Loppet is the premier mass-start cross-country ski race in Canada, and features thousands of participants from many counties.

Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, many club members picked up commemorative pins for participating in 5, 10, 15 or 20 editions of the race.



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Don't you just love curling?

The competition was keen, the enthusiasm was rampant at the Wilberforce Curling Club this past weekend. Ten teams curled in the Don Fevreau Memorial Ladies Valentine Bonspiel on February 15 and 16. Convenor Doug Stephen and club members were pleased to welcome several teams from out of town and a number of novice curlers as well as a number of local teams.

Angie Waugh Jeans was home to skip the team of mom Geri Waugh, Nadia Martinek and Maryelaine Mackie to win the tournament. Winning all three of their games they chalked up 53.50 points. Congratulations to them.

Placing second was the team of Melanie Lewis, Nancy Gadway, Karin Hayes and long-time cottager Lori Drew. They also won all their games to obtain 48 points.

It was good that two teams from the Haliburton Club were able to participate this year. Pat Norman's team of Donna Smith, Mary Lou Waggett and Pat Dickson placed third with 37 points, their last game being decided on a last shot!

In fourth place was the other Haliburton team of Doreen DeGrave, Hilda Attridge, June Beadle and Marilyn Wagg with 33.75 points.

Tammy Vaughan's Wilberforce team of Joann Bugg, Ashley McDonald and Jennifer Dale followed closely with 32 points to place fifth.

It was good to see regular Jackie Dempster back from Pickering on another Wilberforce team of Lynn Waugh, Sheri Siebarth and Cindy Ruddell.

A team of all first-time curlers participated well, even winning one game. Congratulations to Ashley Siebarth, Adele Pedzikow and Carol Frost of Port Perry and Leigha Johnson of Wilberforce for being a good part of the speil.

Donna Fevreau of Newmarket entered two teams who included Heather Russell, Denise Evans, Linda Evans, Vicki Hobbs, Nancy Dunster, and Rosie Hozjani. All

were friends of Donna; some of them also hailed from Aurora and Pickering. They, along with the Laura Casey team of Janice Dahms, Richelle Hunter and Barb Wessels, had a good time and contributed greatly to this annual spiel.

The bonspiel ended with a tasty dinner followed by presentation of awards.

The winning Jeans' team was presented with the trophy by president Doug Stephen on behalf of Iona Fevreau who had donated the trophy in memory of her late husband Don a few years ago. Don Fevreau was the one who spear-headed setting up this Valentine Ladies Bonspiel many years ago.

Donna Fevreau brought greetings on behalf of the family and spoke warmly of her father and thanked everyone for their part in this spiel named in his memory.

The Club appreciates all the many sponsors, both large and small. Your names were well displayed at the Club. Thanks to convenor Doug and all the volunteers who helped make the tournament a success.

The Grade 5/6 class from the Wilberforce School are currently enjoying an hour of curling lessons on Wednesday afternoons. Surely this adds variety to their physical education program and introduces them early to a great game.

The Loop Troupe will shortly be into rehearsals for an early spring production at the end of March.

The arena in Wilberforce was a lively place with the Fred Agnew Memorial Hockey Tournament being played there on Saturday and Sunday. Great participation by teams in both divisions. Congratulations to the organizers and all who made it the great annual success it always is. Proceeds from this annual events are given back to improve the arena facilities. One example is the new sound system that was made possible in part by funds from this tournament in previous years.

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Hilda Clark

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Films celebrate train's history

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

To mark Ontario's Heritage Week, Friends of the Rail Trail are screening two short films on Saturday at the Rails End Gallery.

Railway to Haliburton and *Old Rails, Remembered Tales* are both locally produced films that highlight the history of the railway to Haliburton.

"The first film is an overview of how the railway came to Haliburton as told by this wonderful lady, Leopolda Dobrzensky, who has written history books on the area. That film was shot on high definition digital equipment by Charles Taylor, who happens to be my son, in his final year of filmmaking at Ryerson University," said Pamela Marsales.

The second film captures the stories told by locals at last year's Critters and Trestles dinner.

"Seven local residents in Haliburton that could remember first-hand the days when the trains ran regularly told personal stories at the open microphone at the community supper and Highlands Media Arts videotaped it. This is the community's opportunity to see that video," Marsales said.

The importance of the railway from urban Southern Ontario to the lumber-producing Haliburton County is what the films aim to explore. "Just a generation ago, this connection played a life-and-death role in the community at the rails' end," says a press release about the films. Local people who appear on *Old Rails, Remembered Tales* include Charlie Tyler, Jean Casey, Marg Robinson, Ron Barr, Marion Sedgewick and Guy Scott.

The screening begins at 4 p.m. on February 23 at the Rails End Gallery. Admission is by donation.

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Village's population grows by two

Two new babies for us to celebrate! Layla Sarah Louise was born on January 30 at Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Orillia to Nick and Sarah Adams. Proud grandparents are Shirley and Jim Cowling and Judy and Chris Adaams.

Jessica Bain and Mike McPhadden rejoice in the birth of their daughter, Rilynn Grace, on February 8, 2008 at Peterborough Civic Hospital. David and Janet Bain and Shirley Sisson are all equally proud parents and grandparents respectively.

The small concert at Maple Lake United Church delighted both performers and participants alike, 30 in all. The Rev. Max Ward not only contributed two solos on his trombone but also emceed the event.

Margaret Milne and I played two duets on our clarinets, as Bouthoorn played trombone solos, Terry and Karl Upton sang to the accompaniment of Karl's guitar, John Miller sang to the accompaniment of his ukulele and involved us in a sing-along.

Ev Stata read one of our poems and was part of the quartet with John Miller, the Rev. Max and Hazel Dorman. John Pugh played *Some Enchanted Evening* and *Moon River* on his harmonica and the program ended with a few tunes on keyboard and mandolin by Kathleen Owens and Earl Cooper respectively.

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Eleanor Cooper
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This was the second time this Valentine program, organized largely by Ev Stata, has taken place and promises to be an annual event, so all you people who wish you'd been there can plan it into your schedule next year.

Flowers for each of performers were provided by Rilla Service, through her Darlene Corbett who is a florist.

Funds received on this evening go towards repairs on the roof of the church.



West Guilford welcomes Layla Sarah Louise Adams to the neighbourhood.

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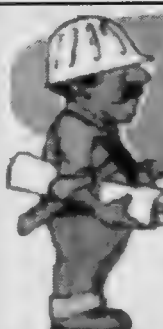
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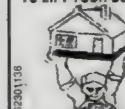
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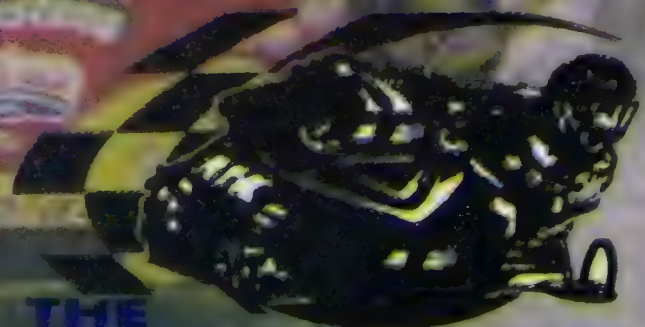
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This year the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre is offering something new for kids ages 7-11 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the March Break (March 12, 13 and 14.)

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So, when you get tired of skiing, video games, TV and hanging out with your brothers and sisters check out what's happening at Rails End Gallery.

Preregister by calling 457-2330. The cost for three half days is \$65 and for three full days \$90 with GST and materials included.

What else is on at the gallery?

If you're kicking around looking for something free to do with the family this March Break be sure to stop by Rails End Gallery to see an exhibition called The Music of Light by Adam Lodzinski. Gallery visitors can look through a tripod set up where Gallery visitors can see just how the artist created his photographic abstractions using a real large format camera.

The Members' Gallery features new work by local textile artist Laura Trach. This show features artful wear and wall-works using fabric, felt, thread and leather.

Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre is open Wed - Friday 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday noon - 4 p.m.

Website: www.railsendgallery.com

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Learn a lot at public speaking contest

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Township of Algonquin Highlands

In accordance with *Cemeteries Act (Revised) R.S.O. 1990, c.4* the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands passed By-Law 08-2 on February 7, 2008, being a by-law to adopt Rules and Regulations for cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Township of Algonquin Highlands. A copy of By-Law 08-2 has been filed with, and is subject to the approval of the Registrar.

Interested persons may access By-Law 08-2 by contacting the Municipal Clerk for further information or to make copies.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications of Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, March 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-093/07, H-094/07 & H-095/07
Applicant: HARBURN HOLDINGS LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 22-24, Concessions 7 & 8, Geographic Township of Monmouth
Nature of the Application: 3 New Lots
- File No. H-096/07
Applicant: BLACK BASS PROPERTIES INC.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 12-23, Concessions 7 & 8, Geographic Township of Monmouth
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
- File No. H-097/07, H-098/07 & H-099/07
Applicant: BLACK BASS PROPERTIES INC.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 21-23, Concessions 7 & 8, Geographic Township of Monmouth
Nature of the Application: 3 New Lots & Rights-of-way
- File No. 11-002/08
Applicant: Roland & Judy PECKFORD
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 11, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Monmouth
Nature of the Application: New Lot
- File No. H-003/08
Applicant: REDKENN DEVELOPMENTS LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 9, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Guilford
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Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 19th day of February, 2008.

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What's happening in the Highlands

CURRENT EVENTS

- **Feb 21:** Well Baby Drop-in Clinic, Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 10 am to noon. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Feb 21:** Haliburton County Food Handler Course. Event is held to certify food handlers in safe food handling methods. Cost \$20/person. Held at Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9 am to 3 pm. Call (705) 457-1391 for more details and to register.
- **Feb 24:** Winter Fun Day at YMCA Camp Wanakita - 2 pm - 5 pm - Cross country skiing, snow shoeing, low ropes, broomball, tobogganing and skating on the Lake Koshlong. All provided free for the community. All you can eat Hot Dogs, Chilli, cookies and hot chocolate available for a nominal fee. For more information please contact: Charlene@hhchamber.on.ca or 705-286-1760 or 1-877-811-6111.
- **Feb 24,** 5:30-9:00 pm. There is a community potluck and games night, all ages, for everyone interested. Please bring your favourite potluck dish and board games. For more information please call Amanda Austin or Max Ward at 286-3592.
- **Feb 25:** Blood donor clinic, 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. St. Anthony Catholic Church. Legion Ladies Auxillary.
- **Feb 27:** "It's So Chilly, Chili Luncheon" - February 27th 12:30 - 1:30, Enjoy a delicious bowl of homemade Chili with a roll and a nice bowl of chilly ice cream. Tea and coffee will also be served! This luncheon is free to all clients and volunteers of Community Care Haliburton County. Community Care Drop-In Centre, 83 Maple Ave, Unit 3, Haliburton (behind Home Hardware).
- **Mar 1:** Haliburton United Church - You are invited to come to the Great Big Fat Italian Dinner at The Ristorante, Fellowship Room, Three Sittings - 5:00; 6:00; 7:00 p.m. Book a Table of 4, 6, 8. Invite your friends! Bring the month of March in with a great meal! Tickets available at Ethel Curry Gallery 457-9687, United Church office, 457-1891. After the Highland Cup races on Saturday, be sure to come and join with us. All are welcome. Tickets at the door!!!
- **Mar 7:** World Day of Prayer - 7:30 p.m. - St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church. This year the ecumenical celebration highlights the women of Guyana. Everyone welcome. For further information contact June White at 457-3543.
- **Mar 10-14** - March Break Club - West Guilford Baptist Church - 9:00am-11:30pm, ages 4-12. It's Free. To register call 754-0079.
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- **Mar 26:** Emergency First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894.
- **Mar 26 & 27:** Standard First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. Must attend both sessions. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894.

ONGOING EVENTS

- Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Br. 129 - Every Wed. night is Bingo night. Early Bird at 7:00 p.m.
- Royal Canadian Legion, Minden Br. 636, holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- The Haliburton Highland Twirlers - a modern square dancing group, meets every Wed. at 7:30 p.m. in the gym at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. Call Bob Jackson, 457-2552.
- The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers & Spinners Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m., new members welcome. Contact Marian Gillanders, 489-3574, for information on meeting location.
- The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- The Minden Women's Institute - Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month, now until June/08 at 1:30 p.m. Contact Pam 754-1656 or Mary 286-1158 for upcoming meeting location.
- TOPS - Take off pounds sensibly. Join us Mondays at Community Care. First meeting free. Weigh-in at 9:30-10 a.m. followed by short meeting. Call Don or Mary at 447-2420.
- Township of Algonquin Highlands - For adults & seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.
- Township of Algonquin Highlands - Writers Circle every other Sat. at Club 35 at 9 a.m. The circle is open to writers of all capabilities, (experienced or emerging). Call: 489-3878.
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Time is running out to enter the Driven to Quit Challenge 2008, a province-wide competition that encourages smokers to butt out for the entire month of March to win prizes.

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The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit encourages smokers in this area to enter the Driven to Quit Challenge. To enter the contest, smokers must register on-line at www.driventoquit.ca by February 29.

Contest entrants must be Ontario residents who are 19 years of age or older.

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Buddies are also eligible to win a \$250 Future Shop gift card.

Entry forms for the Challenge and resources to help people quit smoking are available at the Health Unit office in your area. You can also visit www.hkpr.on.ca for more details. Further assistance to quit smoking is available by calling the toll-free Smoker's Helpline at 1-877-513-5333.

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All claims against the Estate of **WILDA HAZEL LaRUE**, late of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, Province of Ontario, who died on or about the 15th day of May, 2007, must be filed with the undersigned solicitor for the personal representative of the estate on or before the 15th day of March, 2008 after which date the said estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the Estate Trustee, Scott Albert LaRue then shall have notice.

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All claims against the Estate of **HANNAH LOUISA (ANNE) PITMAN**, late of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, Province of Ontario, who died on or about the 25th day of October, 2006, must be filed with the undersigned solicitor for the personal representative of the estate on or before the 15th day of March, 2008 after which date the said estate will be distributed having regard only to claims of which the Estate Trustee, Lise Ainsley then shall have notice.

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All claims against the Estate of **MARY SMITH RUTHERFORD**, late of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, Province of Ontario, who died on or about the 5th day of June, 2007, must be filed with the undersigned solicitor for the personal representative of the estate on or before the 15th day of March, 2008 after which date the estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the Estate Trustee, Marilyn Pennycook then shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 29th day of January, 2008.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE ILEN LINE McGUIRE

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **ILEN LINE McGUIRE** late, of the Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 23rd day of January 2008, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said estate on or before the 4th day of March 2008.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 7th day February, 2008.

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From 2 p.m. till 4 p.m.

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Thank You Cards

A big thank you from Lawrence; Martin and Margaret Nesbitt. Yes we will rebuild in half-loads time frame. Blackie and Tobbie our two cats live through the fire too! Margaret's hands are getting better. Again we thank you and our door is always open. Beware though we have a lot of work to do this spring!

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Thank You Cards

Dear Friends,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the beautiful flowers, pretty balloons, delicious food, welcomed visits and encouraging cards, phone calls and prayers after my recent surgery. It meant a great deal to me. I have been truly blessed.

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Deaths

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Beloved husband of Connie (nee Gartshore). Dear father of Lorrie and her husband Mike of Courtice, Kelly of Oshawa, Darren and Sherry of London. Loving Poppy to Logan, Michael, Shelby and Jake. Dear brother of Gary and his wife Lorraine. Fondly remembered by the Gartshore family and by his many friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Thursday, February 14, 2008 from 1:00 pm until the time of Memorial Service in the chapel at 3:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family

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In memoriam

HUNTER, Ronald G - In loving memory of a dear Husband, Father and Grandfather who passed away August-1963.

HUNTER S Dennis - In loving memory of a dear Son, Brother, Father and Grandfather who passed away February 21, 2002.

We often lay awake at night
When the world is fast asleep
And take a walk down memory lane
With tears upon our cheeks
The happy years we had with you
And worth their weight in gold
The joy and laughter you gave us
Are ours to have and hold
But missing you is a heartache
That will never go away
We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will always stay
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again

Always remembered and forever loved
Mabel, Sharon, Paul, Bonnie and
Craig, Don, Karen and Families

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Births

Births

Announcing the Arrival of



Layla Sarah Louise

born January 30th, 2008 at
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weighing 9lbs 12 oz.



Layla is the daughter of Nick and Sarah Adams,
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Chris and Judy Adams

In memoriam

ABBS, Iris - In loving memory of a devoted Mom and Nanna who passed away 3 years ago February 23, 2005.

These 3 years have gone by so fast,
we love and miss you more
then words can say.

Love always Brad, Rob, Vicky, Terri, Dean,
Jaime, Cory, Brodie, Justin, Alyssa &
Kelsey

10989055

Thank You Cards

The family of the late Pearl Sluman would like to thank their friends and family for the flowers, cards and words of comfort.

Thank you to Steve and my independent family, you guys are great and I will miss you.

To Dwaine, Lorri and Molly for your guidance and professionalism. Thank you.

To Rev Faun Harriman for your kind words.

And a special thank you to Cheryl for just being you.

Thank you to everyone

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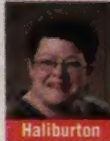


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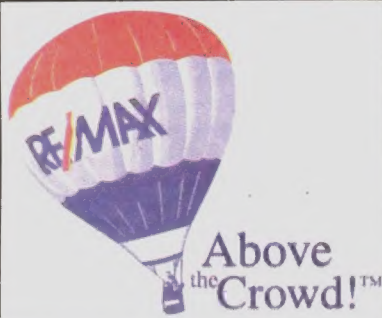


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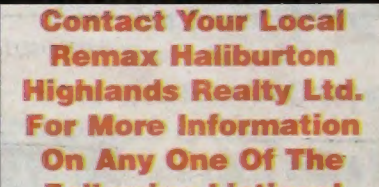
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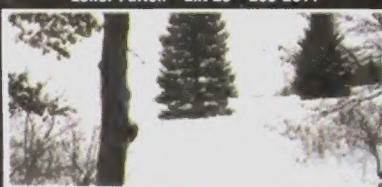


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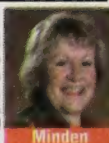


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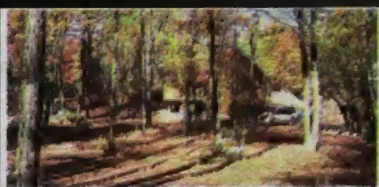


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